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## *Commitment to CFF is Lauded by SDCOE*

Three long-time contributors to the Classroom of the Future Foundation recently were recognized by the San Diego County Board of Education.

All three certainly deserve the recognition and plaques commemorating their contributions that now adorn the Joe Rindone Regional Technology Center "Wall of Fame."

Time and again all three recipients have demonstrated their commitment to CFF's hallmarks of inspiration, innovation and achievement. We salute them for their generosity and involvement in education.



**Todd & Mari Gutschow's Family Foundation has been crucial to the establishment of the TIME Innovation Office, Innovation Awards, One-to-One Academy and scholarship programs. (cont. pg.2)**

## *Innovations Awards Set for PETCO*

The annual Innovations in Education Awards Event for the Classroom of the Future Foundation will be held at PETCO Park downtown on May 26, 2005!

It promises to be a very special event whose theme is "inspire.innovate.achieve-- Making a Difference for All Students."

The event will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Ticket information:

- **\$50 for educators**  
(reception, dinner & awards)
- **\$175 business tickets**  
(reception, dinner & awards)
- **\$500 VIP tickets**  
(reception, dinner, awards, one (1) Game ticket in luxury suite)
- **\$1,500 Table**  
(ten (10) tickets for reception, dinner & awards program)

This year's event will serve several purposes. Of course, the highly regarded innovation awards will be announced. Our invaluable sponsors and contributors also will be acknowledged.

Corporate sponsorship packages for the awards event are available.

For more information about the event and sponsorship opportunities, contact Bruce Braciszewski at (858) 292-3685 or email [cffstaff@list.scdoe.net](mailto:cffstaff@list.scdoe.net) or visit [www.classroomofthefuture.org/2005event](http://www.classroomofthefuture.org/2005event)





**Ron Martin of Mission Federal Credit Union has played a key leadership role on the CFF board. MFCU sponsors many programs including: Annual Event, Innovation Awards and scholarships.**



**Chris Baker of Sempra Energy & Utilities/SDG&E has played a leading role in supporting a homework helpline program on ITV, called MathVision.**

## *Jack-in-the-Box Foundation Awards CFF \$10,500*

The hi-tech academic scholarship program recently received a major boost

with a \$10,500 grant award from the Jack-in-the-Box Foundation .

Helping underprivileged youth is part of the San Diego company's mission, making a partnership with CFF a natural. In fact JIB's Mark Blankenship has been a key member of CFF's board of directors for several years.

Scholarship recipients will be selected by the AVID program, meaning these are students who are the first in their family to go to college and are members of under-represented groups.

"Our Foundation believes that providing education to youth and teens is the most effective way to make a lasting difference in their lives," said Blankenship.

### *❖ SONY Joins CFF Board*



The Classroom of the Future Foundation welcomed its newest Board member, Ed Wallace, Director Community Affairs and Vice President, Sony USA Foundation, at its December 9, 2004 Board Meeting. Mr. Wallace brings extensive experiences to the CFF Board having served on many community boards and is a member of the Sony USA Foundation Board. Mr. Wallace is currently serving on CFF's Annual Event committee and the Innovations in Education Awards working group. ❖

## *Online Research Contest Open*

Global SchoolNet presents International Schools CyberFair -- an award-winning, authentic learning program used by schools and youth organizations around the world.

Youth conduct research and publish their findings on the Web. Recognition is given to the best projects in each of eight categories: local leaders, businesses, community organizations, historical landmarks, environment, music, art, and local specialties.

CyberFair encourages youth to connect the knowledge they learn in school to real world applications.

Now in its 10th year, CyberFair is the largest educational event of its kind ever held on the Internet. This program brings together more than one million students across 100 countries.

View past winners at  
<http://www.globalschoolhouse.org/cf/>.

For more information, contact Greg Fitzgerald at (760) 635-8652. ❖

## *Links of Note*

Here are a few links on some of the latest developments in education. The better we are informed, the more we can contribute to a quality education for our children!

- Education – Instructional Technology Certificate  
<http://www.ces.sdsu.edu/etechcert.html#c.4014>